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PASS STR FOR SMITH

E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, UK
SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT

REF: LONDON 4328

1. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SMALL ARTICLES IN THE
BRITISH PRESS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS SUGGESTING IN A
GENERAL WAY THAT THE U.S. HAS SOFTENED ITS VIEW ON MFA
RENEWAL AND MOVED NOTICEABLY TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN POSI-
TION. ONE OR TWO OF THESE ARTICLES ALSO SUGGEST THAT
THE JAPANESE ARE ALSO SHIFTING GROUND IN THE SAME
DIRECTION AS A RESULT OF THE EASING OF THE U.S. POSITION.
THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF ARTICLE OCCURRED
YESTERDAY (3/31) WHEN MR. ALLEN CLOUGH, RETIRING PRESI-
DENT OF THE BRITISH TEXTILE CONFEDERATION, TOLD A
FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTER THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE
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U.S. INDUSTRY HAD NOW COME AROUND MORE TO THE EUROPEAN
VIEW AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. HAD RECENTLY INDI-
CATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO SUGGESTIONS FROM
OTHER COUNTRIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MFA.

2. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO ASSIGN
A GREAT DEAL OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE ARTICLES --

PERHAPS THEY ARE JUST WISHFUL THINKING -- BUT WE FLAG
THEM FOR WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION BECAUSE THEY ARE A NEW
ELEMENT IN THE CONTINUING PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON MFA RE-
NEWAL.

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